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This was a Polish military airfield 2 x 3 kilometers in size and was located two kilometers South of Pila. On the North and the South sides airfield was surrounded by forest. Airfield surface was flat and sandy and its shape was oblong. Runway ~~Pt. 27~~ ^{Pt. 28} could be extended 300 meters to the South and Runway ~~Pt. 28~~ ^{Pt. 27} could be extended 50 meters to the West. Drainage on airfield was artificial. Airfield received its electrical power from Pila. One mobile radio was located on airfield. ~~Esti-~~ ^{est-} mated strength of enlisted personnel to be 500. Number of officers unknown. Flying activity on airfield was very light.

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New guard shifts were changed at 1700 hours daily. There were three guards assigned to a post, each guard pulling duty of two hours on and four hours off, for a period of twenty-four hours.

Legend to Overlay of GSGS 4416, Sheet M-11, Pinpointing Pila Airfield:

1. PILA AIRFIELD.

Legend to Sketch of Pila Airfield.

1. STREET (STALINA): Cobblestone, 8 meters wide, in good condition leading East two kilometers to Pila.
2. ROAD: Tamped ground, five meters wide, in poor condition leading North two kilometers to KOSZYCE (N 50-10, E 20-34).

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3. ROAD: Six meters wide, in good condition, South half portion of road was cobblestone, North portion was concrete. Road led 400 meters from street Pt. 17 then ended.
4. ROAD: Six meters wide, extended from airfield from parking area Pt. 317 to airfield entrance Pt. 57 and was constructed of concrete. Road leading East from Airfield entrance Pt. 57 was constructed of cobblestone.
5. AIRFIELD ENTRANCE: Wooden gate, seven meters wide, two meters high. No guard observed at entrance.
6. FENCE: Iron picket $1\frac{1}{2}$ meters high, leading from Street Pt. 17 for approximately 40 meters to the North, connecting with a screen fence two meters high leading North and ending at same Point as road Pt. 37. A screen fence two meters high was also observed on the South end of airfield near street Pt. 17.
7. 7TH DIVISION HEADQUARTERS BUILDING: three story, red brick, 50 x 20 meters, with red tile covered gable type roof. Commanding Officer of the 7th Division was a Soviet Col. (name unknown). Building was ten meters West of fence Pt. 67, and three meters North of Street Pt. 17. Two armed guards were placed at entrances of this building.
8. AMMUNITION STORAGE: Red brick, 20 x 15 x 4 meters, with red tile covered gable type roof. This storage was 20 meters North of building Pt. 77. One armed guard was observed patrolling East end of Ammunition storage.
9. HOSPITAL: Three story, brick, 30 x 20 meters with red tile covered gable type roof. Building was three meters West of fence Pt. 67, and 30 meters North of building Pt. 17.
10. GYM HALL: brick, 40 x 15 x 6 meters.
11. SLEEPING QUARTERS FOR ENLISTED PERSONNEL: Brick, 40 x 13 x 5 meters. Transportation company and guard company were housed in this building. Building was ten meters West of fence Pt. 67.
12. SLEEPING QUARTERS FOR ENLISTED PERSONNEL: Same construction and dimensions as building above Pt. 117. This building also housed same personnel. Building was eight meters West of building Pt. 117.
13. GUARD HOUSE: Brick, 12 x 7 x 4 meters. Guards received their station assignment at this building. Building was six meters West of fence Pt. 67 and seven meters North of buildings Pts. 11 and 127. One armed guard was observed at entrance on North side of building.
14. OFFICERS CLUB. Two story, brick, 40 x 20 meters, with red tile covered gable type roof.
15. GARAGE: brick, 40 x 15 x 5 meters, with tar paper covered flat or shed type roof. Garage was 50 meters West of railroad spur Pt. 167 and 70 meters North of railroad spur Pt. 167.
16. RAILROAD SPUR: Single track, standard gauge, extended from main railroad track Pt. 357 into tunnel of building Pt. 177.
17. BUILDING: "L" shaped, brick, both wings were 70 x 20 x 6 meters. Located in building was a uniform storage and food storage. There also were quite a few rooms that were not in use they would be used as work shops in the future by both the 56th Regiment and the 53rd Regiment which were located at MIROSLAWIEC (N 53-20, E 16-06). Located in East wing of building was a tunnel that rr spur Pt. 167 led into.

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18. RAMP: concrete, 30 x 6 x 1 meter.
19. HANGAR: 60 x 30 x 20 meters with oval shaped roof, covered from base to roof top with corrugated sheet metal. At time of observation hangar was not in use. Hangar was under construction for repairs [redacted] A three meter wide concrete strip connected parking area /Pt. 31/ and this hangar. 50X1
20. ROAD: Tamped ground, four meters wide.
21. ROAD: cobblestone, four meters wide, in good condition leading 70 meters from Road /Pt. 2/ to building /Pt. 23/.
22. WATER PUMP: Brick, 12 x 7 x 6 meters, with gable type roof. Water pump was two meters from road /Pt. 21/. One armed guard patrolled North end of water pump.
23. BUILDING: three story, brick, 60 x 40 meters with red tile covered gable type roof. In center of building was an open sand area, 30 x 10 meters, where roll call and physical education was performed. The first floor of this building had a kitchen, mess-hall, shower room, class room (where personnel could study aircraft maintenance in their spare time) and sleeping quarters that were occupied by the Maintenance and Supply section that was attached to the 7th Division. The second floor of this building had sleeping quarters for enlisted personnel from the 56th Attack Regiment. The 56th Regimental Headquarters was located on the 3rd floor of this building. This building received its water supply from water pump /Pt. 22/.
24. BOMB STORAGE: 150 x 130 meters, surrounded by barbed wire fence two meters high. Bombs were observed stored in small shacks and in open sheds. This bomb storage contained concrete dummy bombs that weighed 50 kg.; type LBC-50 (LOTNICZA BOMBA CEMENTOWA - 50 - Concrete Airfield bombs - 50). Also kept in storage were live bombs (type unknown) that weighed 50 kg. Bomb storage was located approximately 50 to 60 meters North from beginning of forest, /Pt. 25/, and it was completely surrounded by forest. One armed guard was observed patrolling along fence inside bomb storage.
25. FOREST:
26. RUNWAY: Concrete, 1,500 meters long, 50 meters wide.
27. RUNWAY: Concrete, 1,150 meters long, 50 meters wide.
28. RUNWAY: Concrete, 1,250 meters long, 50 meters wide.
29. CONCRETE AREA. 100 m x 60 meters. [redacted] the center 50X1 of the concrete area had a circle with a small cross in the center. [redacted] this circle was used for bombing practice.
30. TAXI STRIP: Concrete, 450 x 15 meters.
31. PARKING AREA: concrete, 450 x 40 meters. Seventeen IL-10 Attack type aircraft were parked in this area. One armed guard was noted guarding aircraft in this area during the day and in the evenings from 2100 hours to 0500 hours three armed guards patrolled this area.
32. HANGAR: Brick, 80 x 30 x 16 meters. Roof was a concrete construction, tar paper covered flat type roof. Hangar was partially destroyed in WW II. Housed in hangar were two or three PO-2 trainer type aircraft.

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33. PARKING AREA: Concrete, 80 x 20 meters from parking area Pt. 31 to hangar Pt. 32.
34. RR SPUR: Single track, standard gauge. Leading from main RR track Pt. 35 into fuel storage area Pt. 36.
35. RR TRACK: Single track, standard gauge, leading East to PILA.
- 50X1 36. FUEL STORAGE: storage area at night from runway Pt. 28, 300 meters away. storage
50X1 area was well illuminated and one armed guard was observed patrol-
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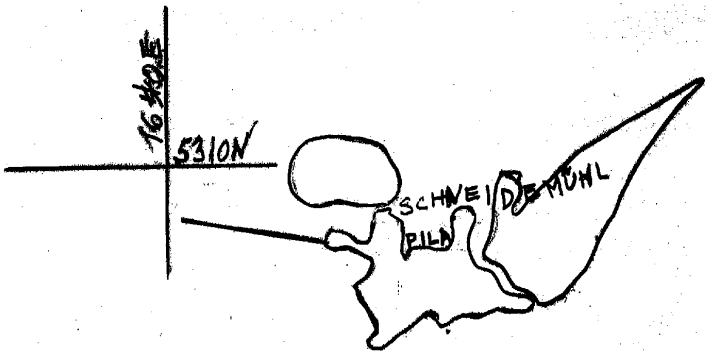
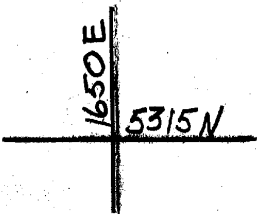
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Enclosure 1

Overlay of GSGS 4416, Sheet M-11, Pinpointing Pila Airfield.



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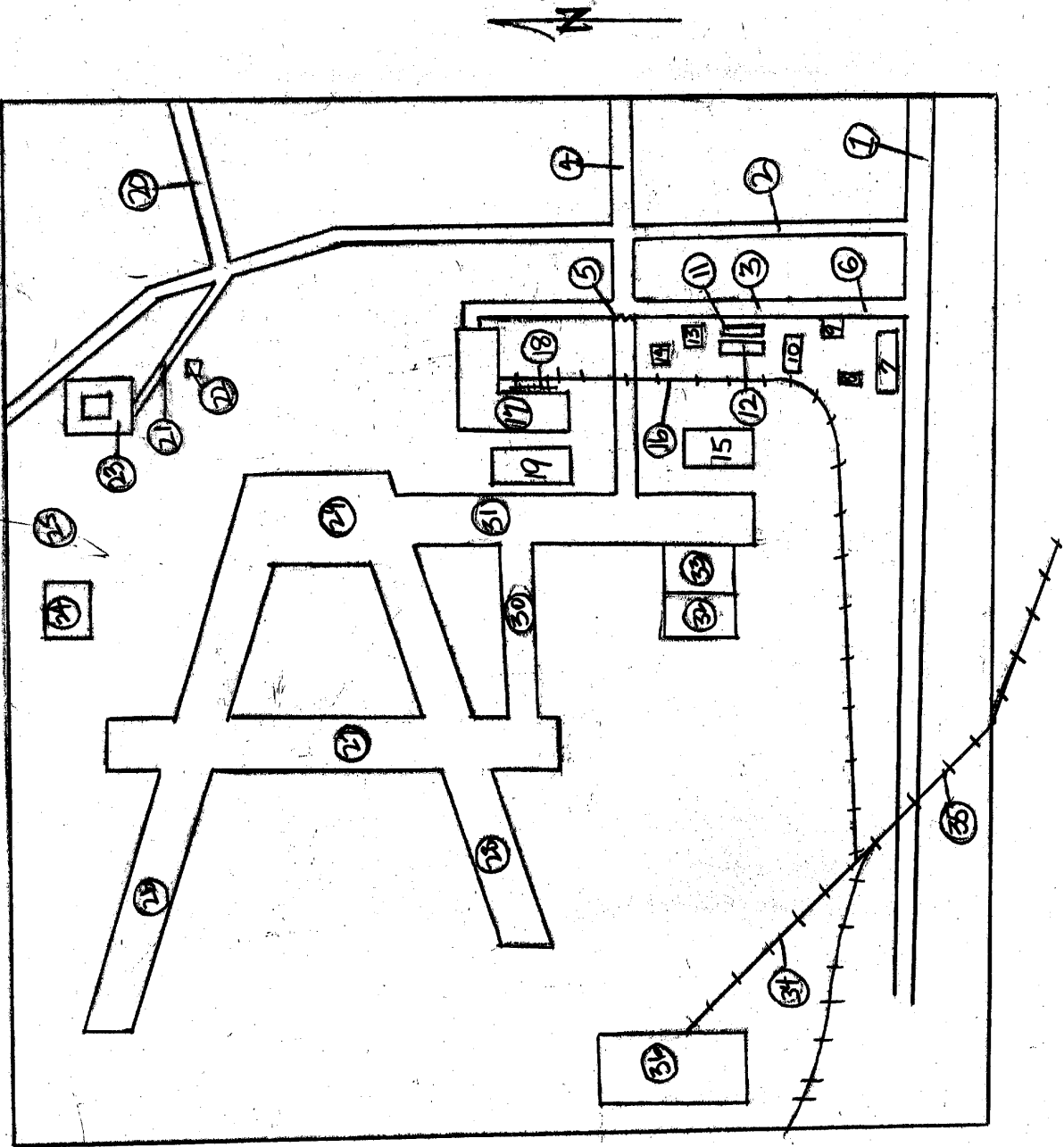
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Enclosure 2

Sketch of Pila Airfield



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